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**MARKED-UP COPY OF AMENDED CLAIM,  
SHOWING CHANGES RELATIVE TO PREVIOUS VERSION**

Claim 4 (amended). The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the region (3A, 3B) exhibiting the average roughness  $R_a$  has an average depth of roughness  $R_z$  of 1-150  $\mu\text{m}$ [, in particular 2-100  $\mu\text{m}$ ].

Claim 5 (amended). The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the region (3A, 3B) exhibiting the average roughness  $R_a$  is reduced together with the device (1) by injection molding, or is produced in a subsequent workstep[, in particular] by etching, grinding, embossing or spark erosion.

Claim 6 (amended). The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the region (3A, 3B) exhibiting the average roughness  $R_a$  adjoins the edge (4, 4') beyond which the grip tab (6) protrudes, at least corresponds or exceeds in its width the width of the strip (5), and in its depth measures 0.5-20 mm[, especially 0.5-15 mm].

Claim 9 (amended). The device as claimed in claims 6 [and] or 7, wherein the edge (4, 4') beyond which the grip tab (6) projects has a low static friction and low sliding friction, [in particular a low-energy polymer] surface.

Claim 12 (amended). The device as claim 1, wherein the reverse face of the adhesive sheet strip (5) is lined with a release laminate[, such as a siliconized release paper] or a release film.

Claim 13 (amended). The device as claimed in claim 1, having [fixing means, such as] hooks, latching projections or the like, located on its front face, [and/or] laterally or both.

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